Date: January 23, 2023  Administrative Circular: 2023:03

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings Guidelines


The main changes are:

1. Case definitions were updated to reflect implementation of culture-independent diagnostic testing and changes in lab workflow
2. Content has been added to provide guidance for exclusion of probable cases of STEC, shigella, and Vibrio spp. (PCR +ve and culture negative) in high risk settings.
3. Definition of a negative sample has been added for the purpose of microbiological clearance

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 604-707-2411 or mayank.singal@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,

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